



Claim Nos. IL-2021-000019

IL-2022-000069

IL-2021-000019

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
BUSINESS AND PROPERTY COURTS OF ENGLAND AND WALES
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LIST (ChD)

MR JUSTICE MELLOR

14th MARCH 2024

BETWEEN:

CRYPTO OPEN PATENT ALLIANCE

Claimant in IL-2021-000019
(the “COPA Claim”)

- and -

DR CRAIG STEVEN WRIGHT

Defendant in the COPA Claim

- (1) DR CRAIG STEVEN WRIGHT
- (2) WRIGHT INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENTS LIMITED
- (3) WRIGHT INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENTS UK LIMITED

Claimants in IL-2022-000069
(the “BTC Core Claim”)

and

(1) BTC CORE

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- (16) BLOCK, INC.
 - (17) SPIRAL BTC, INC.
 - (18) SQUAREUP EUROPE LTD
 - (19) BLOCKSTREAM CORPORATION INC.
 - (20) CHAINCODE LABS, INC
 - (21) COINBASE GLOBA INC.
 - (22) CB PAYMENTS, LTD
 - (23) COINBASE EUROPE LIMITED
 - (24) COINBASE INC.
 - (25) CRYPTO OPEN PATENT ALLIANCE
 - (26) SQUAREUP INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

Defendants in the BTC Core Claim

ORDER

UPON the hearing of the Joint Trial in these actions (as defined in paragraph 2 of the order dated 15 June 2023) concerning the Identity Issue (as defined in paragraph 1 of the order dated 15 June 2023);

AND UPON hearing:

- (a) Jonathan Hough KC, Jonathan Moss and Tristan Sherliker for the Claimant in the COPA Claim (“**COPA**”);
- (b) Lord Grabiner KC, Craig Orr KC, Mehdi Baiou, Timothy Goldfarb and Richard Greenberg for the Defendant in the COPA Claim (**Dr Craig Steven Wright**);
- (c) Terence Bergin KC and Jack Castle for the Claimants in the BTC Core Claim (including Dr Craig Steven Wright);
- (d) Alex Gunning KC and Beth Collett for the Second to Twelfth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Defendants in the BTC Core Claim (“**the Developers**”);

AND UPON the Court delivering its decision upon the Identity Issue, with reasons to follow

in a full written judgment;

IT IS HEREBY DECLARED THAT:

1. Dr Craig Steven Wright is not the author of the Bitcoin White Paper (i.e. the paper entitled “Bitcoin: a Peer-to-Peer Electronic Cash System” which was released on 31 October 2008 under the name “Satoshi Nakamoto” and subsequently published in a revised version on 24 March 2009).
2. Dr Craig Steven Wright is not the owner of the copyright in the Bitcoin White Paper.
3. Dr Craig Steven Wright is not the person who adopted or operated under the pseudonym “Satoshi Nakamoto” in the period 2008 to 2011.
4. Dr Craig Steven Wright is not the person who created the Bitcoin System (i.e. the peer-to-peer electronic cash system originating from the Bitcoin White Paper).
5. Dr Craig Steven Wright is not the author of the initial versions of the Bitcoin software (including the Bitcoin executable file and related source code issued by Satoshi Nakamoto on 8 January 2009).

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT:

6. Issues of any further relief to be granted by the Court shall be addressed in the written judgment of the Court and/or in a form of order hearing to be scheduled after the handing-down of judgment. This paragraph is without prejudice to any further orders which the Court may make on application of the parties under the permission to apply.
7. Pursuant to CPR 52.12(2)(a), time for filing any appellant’s notice in respect of this order is extended until 21 days following the form of order hearing to be scheduled after the handing-down of judgment.
8. Pending the handing-down of judgment, the parties have permission to apply.
9. Costs reserved.
10. This order shall be served by COPA, via its solicitors Bird & Bird LLP, on Dr Wright and the Developers.

The Court has provided a sealed copy of this order to the serving party:

Bird & Bird LLP, 12 New Fetter Lane, London EC4A 1JP